Rates of *minimum* wages

*285. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of minimum wages as prevailing in States on date alongwith the respective year when last revisions were made;

(b) what is the prevailing system of review of the minimum wages;

(c) whether there is any arrangement to link the minimum wage with Consumer Price Index; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering the proposal to rationalise the rates and announce the lowest minimum wage in view of prevailing wide gaps and distortions in the minimum wages announced by different State Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both the Central State Governments are the appropriate Governments for fixation and revision of minimum wages for the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions. A Statement indicating the available information on rates of minimum wages as prevailing in the States on date along with the dates of last revision is annexed (*See* below).

The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 stipulates that review/revision of minimum wages in the scheduled employments should be undertaken at intervals not exceeding 5 years. However, the National Commission on Labour, 1969, recommended that this period should be reduced to 3 years. The 31st Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in July, 1990 also recommended that the minimum wages may be reviewed and revised, if necessary, within a period not exceeding 2 years or on every rise by 50 points in the CPI number, whichever is earlier. These recommendations were communicated to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government have also written to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to provide for variable dearness allowance linked to consumer price index number in the minimum rates of wages for the scheduled employments notified in the State sphere. However, the Government is not considering any proposal to fix any national (lowest) minimum wages for the country as a whole.

Statement

Minimum rates of wages for the unskilled workers in different states/UnionTerrotories administration

Sl. No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Minimum rate of wages & date of revision	Remarks
I	*State*		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 11.00 to* Rs. 40 00 p.d. (11-10-94)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 21 00 to Rs. 24 00 p.d. (1-11-90)	Rates vary from employment to employment and area to area.
3.	Assam	Rs. 25 30 to* Rs. 32 00 p.d. (10-2-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment.

Sl. No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Minimum rate of wages & date of revision	Remarks
4.	Bihar	Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 34.00 p.d. (19-7-93)	Rates vary from employment to employment
5.	Goa	Rs. 14.00 to Rs. 27.00 p.d. (7-2-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
6.	Gujarat	Rs. 15.00 to* Rs. 37.50 p.d. (1-4-94)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to Zones)
7.	Haryana	Rs. 1189.30 p.m. (1-7-94)	Single rate for all employments.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 24.00 to Rs. 26.00 p.d. (14-11-93)	Double rates for all employments.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 15.00 p.d. (24-3-89)	Single rate for all employments.
10.	Karnataka	Rs. 23.44 to* Rs. 32.53 p.d. (22-7-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
11.	Kerala	Rs. 19.50 to* Rs. 76.40 p.d. (31-3-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 30.36 to* Rs. 33.92 p.d. (29-1-94)	Rates vary from employment to employment.
13.	Maharashtra	Rs. 8.00 to* Rs. 69.10 p.d. (29-6-94)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
14.	Manipur	Rs. 37.00 p.d.* (for plain) Rs. 40.90 p.d. (for Hill areas) (1-6-90)	Double rate for all employment.
15.	Meghalaya	Rs. 35.00 p.d.* (16-3-94)	Single rate for all employments.
16.	Mizoram	Rs. 28.00 p.d. (6-7-92)	Single rate for all employments.
17.	Nagaland	Rs. 25.00 p.d. (6-7-92)	Single rate for all employments.
18.	Orissa	Rs. 25.00 p.d. (1-7-92)	Single rate for all employments.
19.	Punjab	Rs. 40.52 p.d.* (1-3-93)	Single rate for all employments.
20.	Rajasthan	Rs. 22.00 p.d. (2-7-90)	Single rate for all employments.
21.	Sikkim	NIL	Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is yet to be extended and enforced.

Sl. No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Minimum rate of wages & date of revision	Remarks
22.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 10.00 to* Rs. 56.25 p.d. (27-1-93)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
23.	Tripura	Rs. 11.80 to Rs. 23.65 p.d. (1-1-90)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 468.00 to* Rs. 1038.00 p.m. (3-1-94)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 17.40 to* Rs. 45.16 p.d. (1-12-93)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	Rs. 27.00 to Rs. 28.00 p.d. (13-8-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
27.	Chandigarh	Rs. 1043.50 p.m. (22-2-90)	Single rate for all employments.
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 19.50 to Rs. 29.65 p.d. (15-12-92)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
29.	Daman & Diu	Rs. 22.00 to Rs. 27.00 p.d. (19-3-93)	Single rate for all employments.
30.	Delhi	Rs. 57.50 p.d.* (1-2-95)	Single rate for all employments.
31.	Lakshdweep	Rs. 30.00 p.d. (1-1-93)	Single rate for all employments.
32.	Pondicherry	Rs. 8.00 to Rs. 14.00 p.d. (15-12-89)	Rates for agricultural workers.
II.	*Central Government*	Rs. 31.02 to Rs. 46.42 p.d. (1-4-95)	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to areas)

Note *Indicates the provision of Variable Dearness Allowance alongwith minimum rates of wages.

बिहार में खाद्यान्न की खरीद

*286. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान खाद्यान्न की कितनी टन मात्रा की खरीद की गई ; और

(ख) इसका कितना प्रतिशत बिहार और अन्य राज्यों को आवंटित किया गया ?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह) : (क) वर्ष 1994-95 में रबी विपणन मौसम के दौरान बिहार में केन्द्रीय पुल के लिए 368 मीटरी टन गेहूं की मात्रा वसूल की गई है । वर्ष 1994-95 के चालू खरीफ विपणन मौसम में 17-4-1995 तक 921 मीटरी टन चावल की मात्रा वसूल की जा चुकी है ।

(ख) पूरी मात्रा बिहार में ही इस्तेमाल हुई थी। इसके अलावा बिहार को केन्द्रीय पूल में से 3.54 लाख मीटरी टन चावल और 7.02 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं आवंटित किए गए थे ।